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Subject: Revised Mandatory Guidelines FR DOCKET 04-7984

To Whom it may Concern,

First, I applaud the idea of using alternative drug testing methods. Second, I disagree with the idea that alternative methods should be used alongside the standard method. The whole point should be that the donor has the option to use either the standard or the alternative method.

This personally affects me in the following manner. I have had trouble urinating in the presence of others since I was a young boy. A few years ago I found out that this social phobia is medically referred to as Paruresis. This is a bio-psycho-social condition that affects nearly 7 million Americans. It saddens me to know that hundreds of hard-working Americans have lost their jobs because of failure to produce a urine sample on demand. Although I have never been required to do so at work, I can relate to feeling embarrassed, humiliated, and less-than-a-man because I can't stand next to someone and relieve myself like a "normal" person. Please come to the aid of all paruretics and let alternative drug testing be accepted without also having to produce a urine sample. Thank you for your considerate attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Burdette

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